

Whereas Rodeo Fire burned at a rate of 2,000 acres per hour for the first 30 hours with flame lengths up to 1,000 feet and ground temperatures above 2,000 degrees;

Whereas fire-fighting aviation support was grounded during the Rodeo Fire due to high, erratic winds, requiring a total airspace closure for the third time in the history of wildland firefighting in the United States;

Whereas, on June 20, 2002, the human-caused Chediski Fire was reported near Chediski Peak in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests about 20 miles northwest of the Rodeo Fire;

Whereas, on June 20, 2002, Arizona Governor Jane Dee Hull declared a state of emergency and authorized mobilization of the Arizona National Guard to support firefighters;

Whereas, on June 23, 2002, the 2 fires burned together and were redesignated as the Rodeo-Chediski Fire;

Whereas, on June 25, 2002, President George W. Bush arrived at Springerville Municipal Airport, Springerville, Arizona, and signed a declaration that designated the Rodeo-Chediski Fire a national disaster;

Whereas more than 4,500 firefighters and support personnel, 30 helicopters, 251 engines, 92 water tankers, and 90 bulldozers were assigned to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and

Whereas the Rodeo-Chediski Fire burned for 5 weeks until the fire was declared contained on July 7, 2002: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Rodeo-Chediski Fire;

(2) commends the courage of local residents affected by the Rodeo-Chediski Fire;

(3) extends condolences to individuals who lost homes, businesses, and property; and

(4) honors the life-saving bravery and sacrifices of the firefighters and first responders assigned to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5065. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

SA 5066. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 5068. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5069. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5070. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5071. Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5072. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5073. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5074. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5075. Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5065. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following:

SEC. . . . EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 5066. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

Subtitle C—Other Health Care Matters

SEC. 121. INCREASED PER DIEM RATES FOR STATE HOMES OUTSIDE THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1741(a) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “paragraph (3) and” before “section 1745 of this title”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) The Secretary shall pay to a State a per diem rate that is more than the rate specified under paragraph (1) or determined under paragraph (2) in the case of a State located outside the contiguous United States based on the reevaluation of such rates conducted under section 121(b) of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022.”.

(b) REEVALUATION OF PER DIEM RATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report reevaluating the per diem rates paid under section 1741(a) of title 38, United States Code, to States located outside the contiguous United States.

(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Subcommittee on Military Construc-

tion, Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 5067. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 708. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION TREATMENT PROGRAM FACILITY IN ALASKA.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall construct a new Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program facility in Alaska.

SA 5068. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 708. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall construct a new community living center in the vicinity of the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Anchorage, Alaska.

SA 5069. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 809. APPRAISALS FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) COMPLETION OF APPRAISALS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that any appraisal that is being conducted for purposes of a housing loan guaranteed under chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, and is outstanding as of the date of the enactment of this Act is completed not later than December 31, 2022.

(b) APPRAISAL POLICIES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall maintain policies that ensure that an appraisal conducted for purposes of a housing loan guaranteed under chapter 37 of such title is completed not later than 45 days after the date on which the appraisal is ordered.

SA 5070. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: